

22 July 1948

Colonel Edward Barber, USAF
Deputy Commandant
The Air University
Air War College
Maxwell Air Force Base
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Sir:

I was most pleased to receive your letter of 19 July and to know that [redacted] had been of assistance to you. We want to keep on doing all we can to help, and he certainly can come down in August to confer with you and give all assistance possible to your new course in strategic intelligence.

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Thank you very much for your invitation to make a speech on 25 October on the organization and mission of the Central Intelligence Agency, but at this time I shall have to give you a negative answer. I am hoping to leave the United States the latter part of September to go abroad on an inspection trip which will last, I should imagine, about five or six weeks. If my present plans mature, I should be out of the States in October at the time you want me down in Montgomery. However, you may be sure that we shall be delighted to send someone down there--most probably General Wright, the Deputy Director, or if you have any other suggestions, just tell me, and we shall try to send the person of your choice.

Please present my respects to General Anderson, and you may inform him that, if my present plans for being away should not materialize, I shall be glad to come down myself.

It was certainly fine to see you again, and it brought back lots of memories of the old days in Panama. I wish we might be able to repeat them!

With very best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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R. H. Millenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN
Central Intelligence Agency
Federal Works Building
18th & F Streets, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the assistance you gave us when we were in Washington on matters pertaining to the establishment of the Strategic Intelligence Courses of the Air War College. It was good seeing you again after all these years.

We had quite a lengthy and profitable discussion with [redacted] in relation to our problems. He suggested a few changes, which we are incorporating into our curriculum, and was quite helpful in every respect. We hope that he will be able to spend a few days with us here in August to review our plans and to offer friendly counsel and guidance to our new project. If you have no objection, we will continue to deal directly with him in completing arrangements for his visit, and in exploring the field in which CIA may lend its assistance to our new course in Strategic Intelligence.

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Our regular curriculum, for the first half of the next academic year which begins 23 August, is reasonably firm, and we are wondering if we can prevail upon you to speak in person to our class of Air War College students on 25 October on the general subject: "Organization and Mission of the Central Intelligence Agency," with a brief treatment on the relationships existing between CIA and other Intelligence Agencies of the government. As you are aware, our class of regular students is made up principally of regular USAF officers in the grade of Colonel with over ten years' service. It includes also a representation from the U. S. Army, Navy, U. S. Marine Corps, Royal Air Force, and Royal Canadian Air Force. Customarily, our guest speakers present a prepared lecture of about fifty minutes' duration, and then after a short recess follow this with an "off-the-record" open forum discussion period of the question-and-answer type. We realize, of course, that your

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subject could be handled quite capably by any one of a number of your subordinates, but we feel that the importance of intelligence in our military establishment would be given perhaps greater impact upon our students through your appearance in person as the titular head of CIA.

Major General Anderson, our Commandant, is away on an extended trip to the West Coast and will not return for several days. I know that he is looking forward to the possibility of your visit and will offer you a friendly welcome and a hospitable reception should your pressing duties permit you to make the trip. We are prepared, of course, to offer you transportation by military aircraft and will arrange so that you are under no expense while here.

We hope you will be able to make this visit to the Air War College.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

HOWARD BARNER
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Deputy Commandant